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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Attention: Mr. Theodore Babbitt, Assistant Director
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SUBJECT: Comments on Intelligence Memorandum No. 219 (Revised),
"Soviet Intentions in Austria", 22 September 1949

1. The Director of Intelligence, U.S.A.F., has reviewed Intelligence Memorandum No. 219 (Revised), "Soviet Intentions in Austria", 22 September 1949, and concurs, with the following comments:

a. It is the opinion of the Director of Intelligence that the Soviets probably calculate that Soviet-satellite supported intrusions on Austrian sovereignty would not necessarily involve an undesired risk of war. This conclusion in IM-219 is not substantiated by the general discussion of Soviet intentions in Austria as brought forth in this estimate. Furthermore, the experience of Greece, China and Berlin indicates that the U.S.S.R. may well calculate that the United States can take strong action in Austria and that such action will not necessarily involve the U.S.S.R. in an armed conflict.

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